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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARIES HARTMAN, ENDERS AND MCCLOSKEY

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SUBJECT: OFFER TO TRY TO OBTAIN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
SUPPORT FOR TRADE LEGISLATION

1. SUMMARY: DEPARTMENT FORMER DEPUTY LEGAL ADVISER
CARL SALANS APPROACHED EMBOFF WITH OFFER TO TRY TO SWING
AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION'S ACTIVE SUPPORT BEHIND ADMIN-
ISTRATION STRATEGY OF REVITALIZING EAST-WEST TRADE
LEGISLATION, IN SALAN'S CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ABA'S
COMMITTEE ON EAST-WEST TRADE AND INVESTMENTS. END
SUMMARY.

2. SALANS, WHO IS NOW PROFESSIONALLY ASSOCIATED WITH
SAMUEL PISAR'S LAW FIRM IN PARIS SPECIALIZING IN EAST-
WEST TRADE, BELIEVES THAT THE ABA COMMITTEE HE HEADS
MIGHT WELL BE IN POSITION TO PERSUADE ABA'S LEADERSHIP
TO PASS FORMAL RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RENEWED EAST-
WEST TRADE LEGISLATION AND TO HAVE SUCH A RESOLUTION
SUPPORTED EFFECTIVELY BY THE ABA IN CONGRESS.

3. BEFORE DOING SO, HOWEVER, SALANS ANXIOUS TO HAVE
DEPARTMENT'S VIEW (A) WHETHER SUCH AN EFFORT AT THIS
TIME WOULD BE HELPFUL, AND (B) IF SO, WHAT ITS PRECISE
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THRUST SHOULD BE. IN THIS LAST RESPECT, SALANS WOULD

PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE MORE PRECISE INDICATION OF DEPARTMENT'S PLANNED CONGRESSIONAL EAST-WEST TRADE LEGISLATION STRATEGY, FOR INSTANCE AS BETWEEN RE-INTRODUCING EXISTING, OR INTRODUCING NEW LEGISLATION. SALAN'S PURELY PERSONAL VIEWS WERE REFLECTED IN WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE JANUARY 20, WHICH APPEARED PARIS HERALD TRIBUNE JANUARY 22.

4. ACCORDING PRESENT PLANS SALANS WILL BE IN WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 10 AND 11 AND WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARIES HARTMAN, ENDERS AND MCCLOSKEY, AND WITH SUCH OTHER WHITE HOUSE AND DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AS MIGHT SEEM ADVISABLE. IN ADDITION TO APPOINTMENTS, SALANS WOULD, IF POSSIBLE, APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GENERAL RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS OUTLINED PARA 3 ABOVE BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE, TO ENABLE HIM PREPARE HIS TRIP EFFECTIVELY.
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